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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 46.5 degrees, 11.7 degrees below normal for the week ending October 5. Precipitation averaged 0.40 inches, 0.36 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 55 points below normal.

Reporters rated 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 3. This is 1.4 days less than last year and 1.2 days less than the 1998-2002 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2003	3.9	3.9	100.6
2002	5.3	5.1	128.5
1998-2002 Average	5.1	4.9	131.9

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	76	24
Last Week	0	1	79	20
Same Week Last Year	16	32	49	3
1998-2002 Average	10	24	56	10

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Sixty-two percent of **Corn** is mature, compared to 68 percent last year and 79 percent for the five-year average. Growers have six percent of corn for grain harvested. This is eight days behind 2002 and 11 days behind the 1998-

2002 average. Farmers have 76 percent of **Corn Silage** harvested. This is 11 days behind last year and six days behind the five-year average. Eighty-nine percent of **Soybeans** are dropping leaves. This is six days behind 2002 and seven days behind the 1998-2002 average. Soybeans are 62 percent mature. This is three days behind last year and six days behind the five-year average. Producers have 16 percent of soybeans harvested. This is five days behind 2002 and eight days behind the five-year average. Farmers have 12 percent of **Winter wheat** planted. This is five days behind last year and five days behind the five-year average. The fourth cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 65 percent complete. The third cutting of **Other hay** is 89 percent complete. **Potato** growers have 93 percent of their crop harvested. This is five days ahead of last year and slightly ahead of the five-year average. Fruit producers have harvested 57 percent of **Fall Apples** compared to 53 percent in 2002. The **Grape** harvest is 45 percent complete. Ninety-three percent of **Processing tomatoes** have been harvested. This is five days behind 2002, and two days behind the 1998-2002 average.

The first fall frost of 2003 struck last week across much of the state of Ohio. Many in the farming community are concerned about crop damage from the early frost. Harvest percentages, for major crops, continue to lag behind due to wet conditions which are keeping equipment out of the fields. In drier parts of the state, farmers harvested corn and beans, planted winter wheat, and chopped silage. Vegetable growers harvested squash, bell peppers, cabbage, tomatoes and pumpkins. Fruit producers harvested apples and grapes, while others are preparing to dig sugar beets.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

This past week's frost may have killed many of the crops which still have not matured. Corn was rated 68 percent good to excellent condition compared to 12 percent last year. Pasture condition was rated at 77 percent good to excellent compared to 11 percent in 2002.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	65	75	78	57	NA
Apples harvested Fall & Winter	57	53	60	46	NA
Corn mature	62	68	79	35	79
Corn harvested for grain	6	14	16	3	18
Corn Silage harvested	76	93	85	66	NA
Grapes harvested	45	73	75	38	NA
Other hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	89	89	91	80	NA
Potatoes harvested	93	86	92	85	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	93	95	94	79	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	89	96	96	74	78
Soybeans mature	62	74	82	30	NA
Soybeans harvested	16	30	41	6	17
Winter wheat planted	12	36	35	3	49

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	6	23	47	21
Previous Week	2	5	23	48	22
Previous Year	28	31	29	11	1
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	8	26	46	16
Previous Week	2	6	27	49	16
Previous Year	22	28	34	15	1
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	4	17	55	22
Previous Week	1	4	19	53	23
Previous Year	26	31	32	11	0
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	9	32	41	15
Previous Week	2	7	28	47	16
Previous Year	23	29	36	11	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	45.9	-11.7	0.33	-0.34	29.02	7.69	18	-55	2798	-137
North Central	45.7	-11.9	0.40	-0.37	27.69	5.55	17	-55	2770	-121
Northeast	45.6	-10.9	0.54	-0.42	33.60	10.21	15	-51	2561	-162
West Central	46.8	-11.6	0.37	-0.44	32.26	9.33	24	-55	2945	-114
Central	47.0	-11.7	0.36	-0.44	30.20	6.83	26	-55	2988	-102
Central Hills	45.4	-11.8	0.32	-0.46	30.28	6.84	16	-56	2772	-94
Northeast Hills	45.5	-12.0	0.41	-0.34	31.05	7.78	17	-55	2798	-108
Southwest	47.7	-11.8	0.28	-0.55	31.47	7.22	31	-54	3096	-131
South Central	48.1	-11.6	0.56	-0.06	33.73	10.70	31	-55	3184	-83
Southeast	46.6	-11.8	0.47	-0.20	31.31	8.00	24	-54	2970	-105
STATE	46.5	-11.7	0.40	-0.36	31.09	8.05	23	-55	2903	-116

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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